

## **TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

## FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA

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Good evening. This is First Selectman Jason Bowsza reaching out to all town residents. A copy of this message can be found on the Town's website.

Today, our local health district notified us of two new cases of COVID-19 in East Windsor. The Connecticut Department of Public Health is now reporting a total of 148 confirmed cases in town. In Connecticut there are 48,223 cases.

In the spring, the Board of Selectman empaneled a Charter Revision Commission to review the charter and make recommendations for amendments. The intention is to make any recommendations made by the commission and approved by the Board of Selectmen into ballot questions for consideration by the voters in November's election. No changes to the charter can be made without voter approval. Per statute, the Board of Selectmen need to hold a public hearing on the revisions proposed by the commission. That happened last Thursday. In the interests of transparency and accommodation during the COVID-19 pandemic, the selectmen have decided to hold another public hearing via Zoom on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Details of the hearing will be posted on the Town's website. Additionally, the board will accept written comment up to August 6th. Comments can be sent to Town Hall via US mail or emailed to <a href="mailto:JSanchez@eastwindsorct.com">JSanchez@eastwindsorct.com</a>.

Yesterday, Governor Lamont issued a new executive order further restricting travelers coming from thirty-one states. The new order requires a mandatory self-quarantine for travelers from states with high COVID-19 levels. The mandatory quarantine period is fourteen days. If a traveler from an affected state takes a COVID-19 test within three days of departing the affected state and tests negative, the quarantine is not mandatory. All affected travelers shall complete a Travel Health Form and submit it electronically at ct.gov/travelform. Governor Lamont's order goes on to assign a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars for each violation of the order. More information can be found at ct.gov/coronavirus.

The governor's new travel limitations do not prohibit opportunities for people to rest and recharge. Many of us will look to do exactly that at home this summer. As Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr. said, "where we live is home, home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts."

I wish you continued good health,

Jason E. Bowsza

First Selectman

